

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 10 2006

COX SMITH MATTHEWS
INCORPORATED

ATTORNEYS + COUNSELORS

CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE: Pursuant to Department of Treasury Circular 230, the documents accompanying this telecopy transmission, and any statement made in this cover sheet, are not intended or written to be used, and may not be used by the recipient, for the purposes of avoiding any federal tax penalty which may be asserted.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The documents accompanying this telecopy transmission contain confidential information which is legally privileged. The information is intended only for the use of the recipient named below. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone to arrange for return of the original documents to us. You are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, or distribution of, or the taking of any action in reliance on, the contents of this telecopied information is strictly prohibited.

FAX TRANSMITTAL

To:	Company:	Voice Number:	Fax Number
Examiner Pedro Philogene Art Unit 3733	United States Patent and Trademark Office	571-272-4716	571-273-8300
From: Derrick A. Pizarro		Date: January 10, 2006	
Direct Phone: 210.554.5461		User Id: 3853	
No. of Pages: (5) (including cover page)		Client/Matter No: 23792.3	

MESSAGE:

United States Patent Application Serial No.: 10/618,253
Title: Radiolucent Long Bone Fixator Ring
Our Reference No.: 23792.3

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
I hereby certify that this correspondence and all documents indicated as being attached hereto are being transmitted by facsimile transmission to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop Amendment at facsimile number 571-273-8300 on the date shown below.

Lori A. Hina

Date: January 10, 2006

Dear Examiner Philogene:

Enclosed for filing the papers of the above-referenced application is the following document:

1. Response to Office Action dated October 18, 2005 (4 sheets).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee for this submission to Deposit Account No. 03-3483.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick A. Pizarro
Reg. No. 52,126

112 EAST PECAN STREET
SUITE 1800
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78206-1521
TEL: 210.554.5500
FAX: 210.226.8395

WWW.COXSMPH.COM

IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTIES RECEIVING
THIS FAX, PLEASE CALL 210.554.5214

AUSTIN
DALLAS
MCALLEN
SAN ANTONIO
860629.1

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 10 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO. 10/618,253

§ ATTY DOCKET NO. 23792.3

§

§

INVENTOR: Hector Mark Estrada, Jr.

§ EXAMINER: P. Philogene

§

§

TITLE: Radiolucent Long Bone Fixator
Ring

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 3733

§

§

FILING DATE: July 11, 2003

§

§

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant hereby timely responds to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005 as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.